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SUBJECT:

Thanks a lot for sending me your column on inspection. It may interest you to know that the question of substituting for a formal inspection requirement an informal agreement to satisfy one of the parties to explain suspicious events is very much in focus in current discussions. I might mention that the question of opposition to inspection is not as one-sided as might appear; during the negotiations on the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) the West Europeans objected to a reactor inspection much more than the Russians. The arguments given by the West had to do with preserving commercial secrets.

Many thanks.

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